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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Joan E. Richardson, Steve Pegram, Carl J. Meir, Kathleen Thayer, Tracey Raybon, John L. Barnes, Donald H. Dawson, Patricia O. King, Jerry Amiss, James H. Pelley, Dorothy Reed, James Vitale, and others similarly situated,

Complainants,

vs.

Case 08-03-018 (Filed March 24, 2008)

Phillip and Linda Shuey, doing business as Shell Canyon Water Company, an unregulated water company,

Defendants.

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to December 1, 2013.

Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) provides that adjudication cases shall be resolved within 12 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. In this proceeding, the 12-month deadline is April 20, 2013.

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A final decision in this complaint case is not expected until December 2013. There have been numerous continuances at the request of the parties to explore the possibility of settlement. Settlement discussions proved fruitless and a hearing was scheduled and removed from the calendar at parties' request. To prevent shut off of water service, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a Ruling on November 9, 2010, releasing \$446.48 from the impounded funds and disbursing the money to Phillip Shuey, owner of Shell Canyon Water Company.

On April 29, 2012, Decision (D.) 12-04-037 further extended the statutory deadline to April 20, 2013. On September 24, 2012, the ALJ issued a Ruling requesting for a status report. Parties are still negotiating. Therefore, additional time to December 1, 2013, is necessary to address parties' negotiations.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to this rule, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Mark J. Ferron is the assigned Commissioner and Robert Barnett is the assigned ALJ and presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

- 1. This adjudicatory proceeding commenced on March 24, 2008.
- 2. D.12-04-037 extended the statutory deadline to April 20, 2013.
- 3. An extension for resolving this proceeding is required to December 1, 2013 to provide for continued negotiations.

Conclusion of Law

Effective immediately, the statutory deadline imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) should be extended to December 1, 2013.

IT IS ORDERED that the 12-month statutory deadline in this proceeding is further extended until December 1, 2013.

This order is effective toda	day.			
Dated	. at San Francisco, California.			